

**MOUNTAIN RIDGE  
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
BYLAWS**

October 1, 2006

**Article I**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this organization will be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and recreational stock in Utah's roadless back country; to assist various governmental agencies in their maintenance and management of our back country and local riding areas; to educate, encourage and solicit active public participation in the wise use of horses and recreational stock by people; work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; to foster and encourage the formation of new local chapters of Back Country Horsemen organizations.

**Article II**

**Membership**

- ITEM 1: The members of this organization will adhere to all organizational requirements established by the national organization, Back Country Horsemen of America.
- ITEM 2: Membership will be composed of and open to any individual or family members interested in participating and promoting the purposes of this organization as stated in Article I.
- ITEM 3: Membership classifications are as follows:
- a. Individual membership- single person over the age of eighteen (18) years of age. An individual member in good standing is entitled to one vote.
  - b. Family membership- Individuals within one (1) immediate family chapter (parents and dependent children). Each family membership in good standing is entitled to two (2) votes.
- ITEM 4: Memberships are good for one (1) calendar year beginning January 1 through December 31. Dues paid within the last quarter will be current through December 31st of the next succeeding year.
- ITEM 5: Membership dues will be set by the MR BCH officers to be ratified by the majority of the members during Annual December meeting.

**Article III**

**Meetings**

- ITEM 1: Regular monthly meetings shall be established and held at a time decided by a majority vote at regular meetings. These meeting locations can be alternated between communities within the area of membership to a degree that is practical and acceptable to the general membership.
- ITEM 2: Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request by a majority of the general membership.
- ITEM 3: Notice shall be given of all meetings, regular or special.
- ITEM 4: Meetings of the board members shall be held as necessary and in conjunction with the regular meetings if possible.
- ITEM 5: A General Membership Meeting will be held each December.

**Article IV**

## **Local Chapter Structure**

- ITEM 1 Affiliation with the Back Country Horsemen of Utah will automatically affiliate every member in good standing with the Back Country Horsemen of America.
- ITEM 2: Membership requirements are a minimum of (10) ten members in good standing, and require approval by the State Board of Directors for admission into the Back Country Horsemen of Utah.
- ITEM 3: Officers for the local chapter shall include:
- a. President - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this organization. The President is to execute general administrative control over the affairs of this organization. The President may co-sign checks for allocation of funds.
  - b. Vice President/President Elect - This position shall assist the President when called upon to do so. When acting on behalf of the President, the vice-president shall uphold the same authority and responsibility as the President.
  - c. Second Vice President - This position shall assist the President when called upon to do so. When acting on behalf of the President, the vice-president shall uphold the same authority and responsibility as the President.
  - d. Secretary / Treasurer - The secretary shall record and keep minutes of all regular and special meetings. The secretary will be responsible for the final composition of the monthly newsletter and mailings. The treasurer shall collect dues, and maintain a current membership directory. This position will maintain the chapter's moneys and account for the chapter's financial status in the form of a monthly report. This report will be submitted to the President Any member in good standing may review these records at any time. The treasurer will prepare all checks for disbursement and is required to sign each check.

## **Article V Elections**

- ITEM 1: Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the December general membership meeting. The new officer(s) will begin their duties at that time. Any member in good standing can nominate candidates for office from the floor. The term of office for all officers shall be for the calendar year succeeding the date of their election or appointment. The president shall not hold the same office of more than three (3) consecutive terms. The Elections will consist of an election for the second vice president and confirmation of the vice President/President Elects' position as president. The office of Secretary/Treasurer will be appointed by the President.
- ITEM 2: Upon notification to all members in good standing, an officer may be relieved of their duties by a majority vote of said members.

## **Article VI Committees**

- ITEM 1: Temporary committees can be formed to provide a service as decided by a majority vote.
- a. The Executive Committee will consist of the President, Vice President/President Elect, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and for the first year the past President.
  - b. Other committee's shall, but not limited to, be similar to the committee's of BCHU and BCHA.
- ITEM 2: Each November a financial statement will be prepared. A committee of three shall be selected for analysis and assembly of this report that will be presented to the general membership for their review. This report will detail all financial transactions of the previous year. Upon completion of this report a copy will be forwarded to the Back Country Horsemen of Utah for their review and approval.

## **Article VII Amendments Ratification**

- ITEM 1: Any changes to these bylaws must be presented at any regular meeting by a member in good standing. At the next regular meeting, if approved by a majority vote, the changes will be incorporated in to the organizations bylaws.

## **Article VIII**

### **Support**

ITEM 1: The Mountain Ridge chapter of Back Country Horsemen will provide support and assistance to any chapter within the organization with such a need. This additional support will be decided by the majority vote of members in good standing at a regular meeting. Individual support is up to each person.

## **Article IX**

### **Assets**

ITEM 1: The property and assets of this chapter is dedicated to the specific purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of Back Country Horsemen of Utah and no part of the net income or assets of the chapter shall ever inure the benefit of any Director, Officer, or Member thereof, or to any other private person. Upon dissolution or termination of the Chapter any assets remaining after payment of, or provision of the payment of, all debts and liabilities of the chapter, shall be distributed in accordance with the Utah Nonprofit Corporation and Co-operative Association Act to a nonprofit, charitable or educational organization having similar aims and objectives or to a governmental entity, political subdivision, or agency to be devoted to similar aims and objectives.

These bylaws were ratified and approved May 11, 2000, and as amended October 1, 2006 by the general membership and signed by the following officers:

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice- President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_